The Cones Associated to Some Transvesal Polymatroids

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Abstract

In this paper we describe the facets cone associated to transversal polymatroid presented by $\mathcal{A} = \{\{1,2\},\{2,3\},\ldots,\{n-1,n\},\{n,1\}\}$. Using the Danilov-Stanley theorem to characterize the canonicale module, we deduce that the base ring associated to this polymatroid is Gorenstein ring. Also, starting from this polymatroid we describe the transversal polymatroids with Gorenstein base ring in dimension 3 and with the help *Normaliz* in dimension 4.

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1 Preliminaries on polyhedral geometry

An affine space generated by $A \subset \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$ is a translation of a linear subspace of $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$. If $0 \neq a \in \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$, then H_a will denote the hyperplane of $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$ through the origin with normal vector a, that is,

$$H_a = \{ x \in \mathbf{R^n} \mid \langle x, a \rangle = 0 \},$$

where <,> is the usual inner product in $\mathbf{R^n}$. The two closed halfspaces bounded by H_a are:

$$H_a^+ = \{ x \in \mathbf{R^n} \mid < x, a > \ge 0 \} \ and \ H_a^- = \{ x \in \mathbf{R^n} \mid < x, a > \le 0 \}.$$

Recall that a polyhedral cone $Q \subset \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$ is the intersection of a finite number of closed subspaces of the form H_a^+ . If $A = \{\gamma_1, \ldots, \gamma_r\}$ is a finite set of points in $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$ the cone generated by A, denoted by \mathbf{R}_+A , is defined as

$$\mathbf{R}_{+}A = \{ \sum_{i=1}^{r} a_i \gamma_i \mid a_i \in \mathbf{R}_{+}, \text{ with } 1 \le i \le n \}.$$

An important fact is that Q is a polyhedral cone in $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$ if and only if there exists a finite set $A \subset \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$ such that $Q = \mathbf{R}_{+}A$, see ([15],theorem 4.1.1.).

Definition 1.1. A proper face of a polyhedral cone is a subset $F \subset Q$ such that there is a supporting hyperplane H_a satisfying:

- 1) $F = Q \cap H_a \neq \emptyset$.
- 2) $Q \nsubseteq H_a$ and $Q \subset H_a^+$.

Definition 1.2. A proper face F of a polyhedral cone $Q \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ is called a *facet* of Q if dim(F) = dim(Q) - 1.

2 Polymatroids

Let K be a infinite field, n and m be positive integers, $[n] = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$. A nonempty finite set B of \mathbb{N}^n is the base set of a discrete polymatroid \mathcal{P} if for every $u = (u_1, u_2, ..., u_n)$, $v = (v_1, v_2, ..., v_n) \in B$ one has $u_1 + u_2 + ... + u_n = v_1 + v_2 + ... + v_n$ and for all i such that $u_i > v_i$ there exists j such that $u_j < v_j$ and $u + e_j - e_i \in B$, where e_k denotes the k^{th} vector of the standard basis of \mathbb{N}^n . The notion of discrete polymatroid is a generalization of the classical notion of matroid, see [6] [9] [8] [16]. Associated with the base B of a discrete polymatroid \mathcal{P} one has a K-algebra K[B], called the base ring of \mathcal{P} , defined to be the K-subalgebra of the polynomial ring in n indeterminates $K[x_1, x_2, ..., x_n]$ generated by the monomials x^u with $u \in B$. From [9] the algebra K[B] is known to be normal and hence Cohen-Macaulay.

If A_i are some non-empty subsets of [n] for $1 \leq i \leq m$, $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_m\}$, then the set of the vectors $\sum_{k=1}^m e_{i_k}$ with $i_k \in A_k$, is the base of a polymatroid, called transversal polymatroid presented by \mathcal{A} . The base ring of a transversal polymatroid presented by \mathcal{A} denoted by $K[\mathcal{A}]$ is the ring:

$$K[A] := K[x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_m} : i_j \in A_j, 1 \le j \le m].$$

3 Some Linear Algebra

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ a integer number, $n \geq 3$ and the following set with 2n-3 points with positive integer coordinates:

$$\{ R_{0,1}(2,1,1,\ldots,1,1,0), R_{0,2}(2,1,1,\ldots,1,0,1), \ldots, R_{0,n-2}(2,1,0,\ldots,1,1,1), \\ R_{0,n-1}(2,0,1,\ldots,1,1,1), Q_{0,1}(1,2,1,1,\ldots,1,1,0), Q_{0,2}(1,1,2,1,\ldots,1,1,0), \\ \ldots \ldots, Q_{0,n-3}(1,1,1,1,\ldots,2,1,0), Q_{0,n-2}(1,1,1,1,\ldots,1,2,0) \} \subset \mathbf{N}^n.$$

We will denote by $A_1 \in M_{n-1,n}(\mathbf{R})$ the matrix with rows the coordinates of points $\{R_{0,1}, R_{0,2}, \ldots, R_{0,n-1}\}$ and for $2 \leq i \leq n-1$, $A_i \in M_{n-1,n}(\mathbf{R})$ the matrix with

rows the coordinates of points $\{R_{0,1}, ..., R_{0,n-i}, Q_{0,1}, Q_{0,2}, ..., Q_{0,i-1}\}$, that is:

$$A_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and for $2 \le i \le n-1$

Let T_i be the linear transformation from $\mathbf{R^n}$ into $\mathbf{R^{n-1}}$ defined by $T_i(x) = A_i x$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n-1$.

Let $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$, $1 \le i, j \le n$ we denote by $e_{i,j}$ the matrix from $M_{n-1}(\mathbb{R})$ with the entries: one, on position "i, j" and zero in else; we denote by $T_{i,j}(a)$ the matrix

$$T_{i,j}(a) = I_{n-1} + ae_{i,j} \in M_{n-1}(\mathbf{R}).$$

By $P_{i,j}$ we denote the matrix from $M_{n-1}(\mathbf{R})$ defined by

$$P_{i,j} = I_{n-1} - e_{i,i} - e_{j,j} + e_{i,j} + e_{j,i}$$

Lemma 3.1. a) The set of points $\{R_{0,1}, \ldots, R_{0,n-i}, Q_{0,1}, Q_{0,2}, \ldots, Q_{0,i-1}\}$ for all $2 \leq i \leq n-1$ and $\{R_{0,1}, R_{0,2}, \ldots, R_{0,n-1}\}$ are linearly independent. b) For $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ the equations of the hyperplanes generated by the points $\{O, R_{0,1}, R_{0,2}, \ldots, R_{0,n-i}, Q_{0,1}, Q_{0,2}, \ldots, Q_{0,i-1}\}$ are :

$$H_{[i]} := -(n-i-1)\sum_{j=1}^{i} x_j + (i+1)\sum_{j=i+1}^{n} x_j = 0,$$

where [i] is the set $[i] := \{1, ... i\}.$

Proof. a) The set of points are linearly independent iff the matrices with rows the coordinates of the points have the rank n-1.

Using elementary row operations to the matrix A_1 we have:

 $B_1 = U_1 A_1$, where $U_1 \in M_{n-1}(\mathbf{R})$

$$U_1 = \prod_{2 \le i \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} P_{i,n-i+1} \prod_{i=2}^{n-1} T_{n-i+1,1}(-1),$$

and |c| is the greatest integer $\leq c$. So B_1 is :

$$B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For $2 \le i \le n-1$, using elementary row operations to the matrix A_i we have: $B_i = U_i A_i$, where $U_i \in M_{n-1}(\mathbf{R})$,

$$U_i = \left[\prod_{j=i}^{n-2} \left(\prod_{k=1}^{i-1}\right) P_{n-j+k-1,n-j+k}\right] \left[\prod_{k=2}^{i-1} \left(\prod_{j=n-i+k}^{n-1} T_{j,n-i+k-1}\left(-\frac{1}{k+1}\right)\right)\right] \cdot$$

$$(\prod_{j=n-i+1}^{n-1} T_{j,1}(-\frac{1}{2})) (\prod_{j=1}^{n-i} T_{j,1}(-1)),$$

and so B_i is :

$$\downarrow (i+1)^{th} column$$

Since the rank of B_i is n-1 then the rank of A_i is n-1 for all $1 \leq i \leq n-1$.

b) The hyperplane generated by the points $\{R_{0,1}, \ldots, R_{0,n-i}, Q_{0,1}, Q_{0,2}, \ldots, Q_{0,i-1}\}$ has the normal vector the generator of the subspace $Ker(T_i)$.

For $1 \le i \le n-1$ using a) we obtain that

$$Ker(T_i) = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}} | T_i(x) = 0\} = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}} | A_i x = 0\} = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}} | B_i x = 0\}$$

that is

$$x_n = x_{n-1} = \ldots = x_{i+1} = (i+1)\alpha$$

and

$$x_i = x_{i-1} = \ldots = x_1 = -(n-i-1)\alpha,$$

where $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$.

Thus for $1 \le i \le n-1$ the equations of hyperplanes generated by the points $\{R_{0,1},\ldots,R_{0,n-i},Q_{0,1},Q_{0,2},\ldots,Q_{0,i-1}\}$ are :

$$H_{[i]} := -(n-i-1)\sum_{j=1}^{i} x_j + (i+1)\sum_{j=i+1}^{n} x_j = 0,$$

For $1 \le k \le n-1$ we define two types of sets of points:

1)

$$\{R_{k,1}, R_{k,2}, \dots, R_{k,n-1}\}$$

is the set of points whose the coordinates are the rows of the matrix A_1P_{1k+1} .

2)

$$\{Q_{k,1},Q_{k,2},\ldots,Q_{k,n-2}\}$$

is the set of points whose the coordinates are the rows of the matrix QM^k , where M is the matrix

$$M \in M_n(\mathbf{R}), M = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} P_{n-i,n-i+1}$$

and $Q \in M_{n-2,n}(\mathbf{R})$ is the matrix with rows the coordinates of points $\{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_{n-2}\}$. For every $1 \le i \le n-1$ we will denote by $\nu_{[i]}$ the normal of the hyperplane $H_{[i]}$:

$$\downarrow i^{th}column$$

$$\nu_{[i]} = (-(n-i-1), \dots, -(n-i-1), (i+1), \dots, (i+1)) \in \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$$

For i=1 we will denote by $H_{\{k+1\}}$ the hyperplane which has the normal :

$$\nu_{\{k+1\}} := \nu_{[i]} P_{1,k+1} = \nu_{[1]} P_{1,k+1}$$

for all $1 \le k \le n-1$.

For $2 \le i \le n-1$ and $1 \le k \le n-1$ we will denote by $H_{\{\sigma^k(1),\sigma^k(2),\dots,\sigma^k(i)\}}$ the hyperplane which has the normal :

$$\nu_{\{\sigma^k(1),\sigma^k(2),\dots,\sigma^k(i)\}} := \nu_{[i]}M^k,$$

where $\sigma \in S_n$ is the product of transposition :

$$\sigma := \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (i, i+1).$$

Lemma 3.2. a) For $1 \le k \le n-1$ and $2 \le i \le n-1$ the set of points $\{R_{k,1}, \ldots, R_{k,n-i}, Q_{k,1}, Q_{k,2}, \ldots, Q_{k,i-1}\}$ and $\{R_{k,1}, R_{k,2}, \ldots, R_{k,n-1}\}$ are linearly independent. b) For $1 \le k \le n-1$ and $2 \le i \le n-1$ the equation of hyperplane generated by the points $\{O, R_{k,1}, R_{k,2}, \ldots, R_{k,n-i}, Q_{k,1}, Q_{k,2}, \ldots, Q_{k,i-1}\}$ is:

$$H_{\{\sigma^k(1),\sigma^k(2),\dots,\sigma^k(i)\}} := <\nu_{\{\sigma^k(1),\sigma^k(2),\dots,\sigma^k(i)\}}, x> = 0$$

where O is zero point, $O(0,0,\ldots,0)$ and $\sigma \in S_n$ is the product of transposition:

$$\sigma := \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (i, i+1).$$

For $1 \le k \le n-1$ the equation of hyperplane generated by the points $\{O, R_{k,1}, R_{k,2}, \ldots, R_{k,n-1}\}$ is:

$$H_{\{k+1\}} := <\nu_{\{k+1\}}, x> = 0$$

Proof. a) Since for any $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ the matrix $P_{1,k+1}$, M^k are invertible and the set of points $\{R_{0,1},\ldots,R_{0,n-i},Q_{0,1},Q_{0,2},\ldots,Q_{0,i-1}\}$, $\{R_{0,1},R_{0,2},\ldots,R_{0,n-1}\}$ are linearly independent then the set of points $\{R_{k,1},\ldots,R_{k,n-i},Q_{k,1},Q_{k,2},\ldots,Q_{k,i-1}\}$ and $\{R_{k,1},R_{k,2},\ldots,R_{k,n-1}\}$ are linearly independent.

b) Since for any $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ and $2 \leq i \leq n-1$ the matrix M^k are invertible then the hyperplane generated by the points $\{O, R_{k,1}, \ldots, R_{k,n-i}, Q_{k,1}, \ldots, Q_{k,i-1}\}$ has the normal vector obtained by normal vector $\nu_{[k]}$ multiple to the right with M^k . For any $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ the matrix $P_{1,k+1}$ are invertible, then the hyperplane generated by the points $\{O, R_{k,1}, R_{k,2}, \ldots, R_{k,n-1}\}$ has the normal vector obtained by normal vector $\nu_{[1]}$ multiple to the right with $P_{1,k+1}$.

Lemma 3.3. Any point $P \in \mathbf{N^n}$, $n \geq 3$ which lies on the hyperplane $H: x_1 + x_2 + \ldots + x_n - n = 0$ such that its coordinates are in the set $\{0, 1, 2\}$ and has at least one coordinate equal to two lies on the hyperplane $H_{\{k\}} = 0$ for a integer $k \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$.

Proof. Let $k \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ be the first position of "2" that appears in the coordinate of a point $P \in \mathbf{N}^{\mathbf{n}}$. Since the equation of the hyperplane $H_{\{k\}}$ is:

$$H_{\{k\}} = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} 2x_i - (n-2)x_k + \sum_{i=k+1}^{n} 2x_i = 0$$

it results that

$$-2(n-2) + 2\sum_{i=1, i \neq k} na_i = -2(n-2) + 2(n-2) = 0,$$

where $P = (a_1, a_2, ..., a_n) \in H$ with $a_i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ and which has at least one coordinate equal to two.

4 The main result

First let us fix some notations that will be used throughout the remaining of this note. Let K be field and $K[x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n]$ a polynomial ring with coefficients in K. Let $n \geq 2$ a positive integer and A the collection of sets:

$$\mathcal{A} = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \dots, \{n - 1, n\}, \{n, 1\}\}.$$

We will denote by K[A] the K-algebra generated by $x_{i_1}x_{i_2}...x_{i_n}$ with $i_1 \in \{1,2\}, i_2 \in \{2,3\},...,i_{n-1} \in \{n-1,n\}, i_n \in \{1,n\}$. This K-algebra represent the base ring associated to transversal polymetroid presented by A.

Given $A \in \mathbf{N^n}$ finite, we define C_A to be the subsemigroup of $\mathbf{N^n}$ generated by A:

$$C_A = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \mathbf{N}\alpha$$

thus the *cone* generated by C_A is:

$$\mathbf{R}_{+}C_{A} = \mathbf{R}_{+}A = \{ \sum a_{i}\gamma_{i} \mid a_{i} \in \mathbf{R}_{+}, \gamma_{i} \in A \}.$$

With this notation we state our main result:

Theorem 4.1. Let $A = \{log(x_{i_1}x_{i_2}...x_{i_n}) \mid i_1 \in \{1,2\}, i_2 \in \{2,3\},...,i_{n-1} \in \{n-1,n\}, i_n \in \{1,n\}\} \subset \mathbf{N}^n$ the exponent set of the generators of K-algebra $K[\mathcal{A}]$ and $N = \{\nu_{\{k+1\}}, \nu_{\{\sigma^k(1),\sigma^k(2),...,\sigma^k(i)\}} \mid 0 \leq k \leq n-1, 2 \leq i \leq n-1\}$, then

$$\mathbf{R}_{+}C_{A} = \bigcap_{a \in N} H_{a}^{+},$$

such that H_a^+ with $a \in N$ are just the facets of the cone \mathbf{R}_+C_A .

Proof. Since $A = \{log(x_{i_1}x_{i_2}...x_{i_n}) \mid i_1 \in \{1,2\}, i_2 \in \{2,3\},..., i_{n-1} \in \{n-1,n\}, i_n \in \{1,n\}\} \subset \mathbf{N}^{\mathbf{n}}$ is the exponent set of the generators of K-algebra $K[\mathcal{A}]$, then the set $\{R_{0,1}, R_{0,2}, ..., R_{0,n-2}, R_{0,n-1}, I\} \subset A$, where $I(1,1,...,1) \in \mathbf{N}^{\mathbf{n}}$.

First step.

We must show that the dimension of the cone \mathbf{R}_+C_A is $dim(\mathbf{R}_+C_A)=n$. We will denote by $\widetilde{A} \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$ the matrix with rows the coordinates of points { $R_{0,1}, R_{0,2}$, ..., $R_{0,n-2}$, $R_{0,n-1}$, I}. Using elementary row operations to the matrix \widetilde{A} we have: $\widetilde{B} = \widetilde{U}\widetilde{A}$, where $\widetilde{U} \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$ is invertible matrix:

$$\widetilde{U} = (\prod_{i=2}^{n-1} T_{n-i+1,1}(-1))(T_{n,1}(-\frac{1}{2}))(\prod_{2 \le i \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} P_{i,n-i+1})(\prod_{i=2}^{n-1} T_{n,n-i+1}(\frac{1}{2})),$$

where |c| is the greatest integer $\leq c$.

So B is:

$$\widetilde{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & \frac{n}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the dimension of the cone $\mathbf{R}_{+}C_{A}$ is:

$$dim(\mathbf{R}_{+}C_{A}) = rank(\widetilde{A}) = rank(\widetilde{B}) = n$$

since $det(\widetilde{B}) = (-1)^n n$.

Second step.

We must show that $H_a \cap \mathbf{R}_+ C_A$ with $a \in N$ are precisely the facets of the cone $\mathbf{R}_+ C_A$. This is equivalent with to show that $\mathbf{R}_+ C_A \subset H_a^+$ and $\dim H_a \cap \mathbf{R}_+ C_A = n-1 \ \forall \ a \in N$. The fact that $\dim H_a \cap \mathbf{R}_+ C_A = n-1 \ \forall \ a \in N$ it is clear from Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2. For $1 \le k \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ and $1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_{2k-1} < i_{2k} \le n$ let

$$I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} = I + (e_{i_1} - e_{i_2}) + (e_{i_3} - e_{i_4}) + \dots + (e_{i_{2k-1}} - e_{i_{2k}})$$

and

$$I'_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} = I + (e_{i_2} - e_{i_1}) + (e_{i_4} - e_{i_3}) + \dots + (e_{i_{2k}} - e_{i_{2k-1}}),$$

where $I = I(1, 1, ..., 1) \in \mathbf{N^n}$ and e_i is the *ith* unit vector.

We set A' =

$$\{I, I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}}, I'_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} | 1 \le k \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \text{ and } 1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_{2k-1} < i_{2k} \le n \}.$$

We claim that A = A'.

Let

$$m_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} = \prod_{s=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} m_s, \ m'_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} = \prod_{s=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} m'_s$$

where

$$m_s = x_{k_{i_{2s-2}+1}} \dots x_{k_{i_{2s-1}-2}} x_{i_{2s-1}}^2 x_{k_{i_{2s-1}+1}} \dots x_{k_{i_{2s-2}}} x_{i_{2s-1}} x_{i_{2s+1}},$$

$$m'_s = x_{k_{i_{2s-2}+1}} \dots x_{k_{i_{2s-1}-2}} x_{i_{2s-1}-1} x_{i_{2s-1}+1} x_{k_{i_{2s-1}+1}} \dots x_{k_{i_{2s}-2}} x_{i_{2s}}^2$$

for all $1 \le k, s \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, $i_0 = 0$ and $k_j \in \{j, j+1\}$ for $1 \le j \le n$. Evidently $log(m_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}})$, $log(m_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}}) \in A$.

Since $log(m_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}) = I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}$ and $log(m'_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}) = I'_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}$ for all $1 \le k \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ and $1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_{2k-1} < i_{2k} \le n$, then $A' \subset A$.

But the cardinal of A is $\sharp(A) = 2^n - 1$ and since

$$\sum_{s=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2s} = 2^{n-1} - 1,$$

the cardinal of A' is:

$$\sharp(A') = 1 + 2\sum_{s=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2s} = 2^n - 1.$$

Thus A = A'.

Now we start to prove that $\mathbf{R}_+C_A \subset H_a^+$ for all $a \in N$.

Observe that

$$<\nu_{\{p+1\}}, I> = <\nu_{\{\sigma^p(1),\sigma^p(2),\dots,\sigma^p(i)\}}, I> = n>0,$$

for any $0 \le p \le n - 1$, $1 \le i \le n - 1$.

Let $0 \le p \le n-1$. We claim that:

$$<\nu_{\{p+1\}}, I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}> \ge 0 \ and \ <\nu_{\{p+1\}}, I'_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}> \ge 0,$$

for any $1 \le k \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ and $1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_{2k-1} < i_{2k} \le n$. We prove the first inequality. The proof of the second inequality is the same.

We have three possibilities:

- 1) If $\langle I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}, e_{p+1} \rangle = 0$, then $\langle \nu_{\{p+1\}}, I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}} \rangle = 2n > 0$.
- 2) If $\langle I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}}, e_{p+1} \rangle = 1$, then $\langle \nu_{\{p+1\}}, I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} \rangle = n > 0$.
- 3) If $\langle I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}}, e_{p+1} \rangle = 2$, then $\langle \nu_{\{p+1\}}, I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} \rangle = 0$. Let $0 \le p \le n-1$ and $2 \le i \le n-1$ fixed.

We claim that:

$$<\nu_{\{\sigma^p(1),\sigma^p(2),\dots,\sigma^p(i)\}},I_{i_1i_2\dots i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}>\ \ge 0$$

and

$$<\nu_{\{\sigma^p(1),\sigma^p(2),\dots,\sigma^p(i)\}},I^{'}_{i_1i_2\dots i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}>\ \geq 0$$

for any $1 \le k \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ and $1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_{2k-1} < i_{2k} \le n$.

We prove the first inequality. The proof of the second inequalities is the same.

We have:

$$<\nu_{\{\sigma^p(1),\sigma^p(2),\dots,\sigma^p(i)\}},I_{i_1i_2\dots i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}> = H_{\{\sigma^p(1),\sigma^p(2),\dots,\sigma^p(i)\}}(I_{i_1i_2\dots i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}) =$$

$$-(n-i-1)\sum_{s=1}^{i} \langle I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}, e_{\sigma^p(s)} \rangle + (i+1)\sum_{s=i+1}^{n} \langle I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}, e_{\sigma^p(s)} \rangle.$$

Let

$$\Gamma = \{s | < I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}}, e_{\sigma^p(s)} > = 2, 1 \le s \le i\}$$

the set of indices of $I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}$ where the coordinates are equal to two.

If the cardinal of Γ is zero, then there exists at most one index $i_{2t-1} \in \{\sigma^p(1), \sigma^p(2), \ldots, \sigma^p(i)\}$ with $1 \le t \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$. Else we have two possibilities:

1) There exists at least two indices $i_{2t-1}, i_{2t_1-1} \in \{\sigma^p(1), \sigma^p(2), \dots, \sigma^p(i)\}$ with $1 \leq t < t_1 \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ and since $\sigma^p(s) = (p+s) \mod n$, then there exists $1 \leq t_2 \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ such that $i_{2t_2} \in \{\sigma^p(1), \sigma^p(2), \dots, \sigma^p(i)\}$ and thus $\{I_{i_1i_2\dots i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}, e_{\sigma^p(i_2i_2)}\} = 2$, which it is false. 2) There exists at least two indices $i_{2t-1}, i_{2t_1} \in \{\sigma^p(1), \sigma^p(2), \dots, \sigma^p(i)\}$ with $1 \leq t, t_1 \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$. Then like in the first case we have $\{I_{i_1i_2\dots i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}, e_{\sigma^p(i_2i_1)}\} = 2$, which it is false. When for any $1 \leq k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, $i_{2k-1} \notin \{\sigma^p(1), \sigma^p(2), \dots, \sigma^p(i)\}$, then

$$<\nu_{\{\sigma^p(1),\sigma^p(2),\dots,\sigma^p(i)\}}, I_{i_1i_2\dots i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}> = -(n-i-1)i + (i+1)(n-i) = n > 0.$$

When there exists just one index $i_{2t-1} \in \{\sigma^p(1), \sigma^p(2), \dots, \sigma^p(i)\}$ with $1 \le t \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, then

$$<\nu_{\{\sigma^p(1),\sigma^p(2),\dots,\sigma^p(i)\}},I_{i_1i_2\dots i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}> = -(n-i-1)(i-1)+(i+1)(n-i+1)=2n>0.$$

If the cardinal of Γ , $\sharp(\Gamma) = t \geq 1$, then we have two possibilities: 1) If $\{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_{2t-3} < i_{2t-2} < i_{2t-1} \leq n\} \subset \{\sigma^p(1), \sigma^p(2), \ldots, \sigma^p(i)\}$, then we have:

$$<\nu_{\{\sigma^p(1),\sigma^p(2),\dots,\sigma^p(i)\}},I_{i_1i_2\dots i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}> = -(n-i-1)(i+1)+(i+1)(n-i-1)=0.$$

2) If $\{1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_{2t-1} < i_{2t} \le n\} \subset \{\sigma^p(1), \sigma^p(2), \ldots, \sigma^p(i)\}$, then we have:

$$<\nu_{\{\sigma^p(1),\sigma^p(2),\dots,\sigma^p(i)\}},I_{i_1i_2\dots i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}> = -(n-i-1)(i)+(i+1)(n-i)=n>0.$$

Thus we have:

$$\mathbf{R}_{+}C_{A}\subset\bigcap_{a\in N}H_{a}^{+}$$

Finally let us prove the converse inclusion.

This is equivalent with the fact that the extremal rays of the cone

$$\bigcap_{a \in N} H_a^+$$

are in $\mathbf{R}_{+}C_{A}$.

Let $1 \le k \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, $1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_{2k-1} < i_{2k} \le n$ and we consider the following hyperplanes:

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a) H_{\{[i_{2s-1}]\setminus[j]\}} if j \in \{i_{2s-2}, \dots i_{2s-1} - 1\} and 1 \le s \le k,
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b)
$$H_{\{[j]\setminus[i_{2s-1}-1]\}}$$
 if $j\in\{i_{2s-1}+1,\ldots,i_{2s}-1\}$ and $1\leq s\leq k$,

c) $H_{\{[i_{2k-1}]\cup([n]\setminus[j])\}}$ if $j\in\{i_{2k},\ldots n-1\}$,

d)
$$H_{\{i_{2s}\}}$$
 for $1 \le s \le k-1$; where $[i] := \{1, ..., i\}, i_0 = 0$ and $[0] = \emptyset$.

We claim that the point $I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}$ belong to this hyperplanes.

a) Let $j \in \{i_{2s-2}, \dots i_{2s-1} - 1\}$ and $1 \le s \le k$, then

$$< H_{\{[i_{2s-1}]\setminus[j]\}}, I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}> = < H_{\{j+1,...,i_{2s-1}\}}, I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}> = < -(n-(i_{2s-1}-j)-1)$$

$$\sum_{t \in \{j+1,\dots,i_{2s-1}\}} x_t + \left(i_{2s-1} - j + 1\right) \sum_{t \in [n] \backslash \{j+1,\dots,i_{2s-1}\}} x_t \;, \; I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} > = - \left(n - i_{2s-1} + j - 1\right) \left(i_{2s-1} + j - 1\right) \left$$

$$-j+1$$
) + $(i_{2s-1}-j+1)(n-(i_{2s-1}-j)+1)=0$, since

$$\downarrow j + 1^{th} \qquad \qquad \downarrow i^{th}_{2s-1}$$

$$I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}} = (\ldots, 1, \ldots, 1, \ldots, 1, 2, \ldots).$$

b) Let $j \in \{i_{2s-1} + 1, \dots i_{2s} - 1\}$ and $1 \le s \le k$, then

$$< H_{\{[j] \backslash [i_{2s-1}-1]\}}, I_{i_1 i_2 \ldots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} > = < H_{\{i_{2s-1}, \ldots, j\}}, I_{i_1 i_2 \ldots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} > = < -(n-(j-i_{2s-1}+1)-1)$$

$$\sum_{t \in \{i_{2s-1}, \dots, j\}} x_t + (j - i_{2s-1} + 1 + 1) \sum_{t \in [n] \backslash \{i_{2s-1}, \dots, j\}} x_t \;, \; I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} > = -(n - (j - i_{2s-1} + 1) - 1)(j - i_{2s-1} + 1) - 1 - (i_{2s-1} + 1) - (i_{2s-1}$$

$$-i_{2s-1}+1+1$$
) + $(j-i_{2s-1}+1+1)(n-(j-i_{2s-1}+1+1))=0$, since

$$\downarrow i_{2s-1}^{th} \qquad \downarrow j^{th}$$

$$I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}} = (\ldots , 2 , 1 , \ldots , 1 , \ldots).$$

c) Let $j \in \{i_{2k}, \ldots n-1\}$, then $< H_{\{[i_{2k-1}] \cup ([n] \setminus [j])\}}, I_{i_1 i_2 \ldots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} > = < H_{\{1, \ldots, i_{2k-1}, j+1, \ldots, n\}},$

$$I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}> = <-(n-(i_{2k-1}+n-j)-1)\sum_{t\in[i_{2k-1}]\cup([n]\backslash[j])}x_t+(i_{2k-1}+n-j+1)\sum_{t\in\{i_{2k-1}+1,...,j\}}x_t\;,$$

 $I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}} > = -(j-i_{2k-1}-1)(i_{2k-1}+n-j+1) + (i_{2k-1}+n-j+1)(j-(i_{2k-1}+1)+1-1) = 0,$ since

$$\downarrow i_{2k-1}^{th} \qquad \downarrow i_{2k}^{th} \qquad \downarrow j+1^{th}$$

$$I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}} = (\ldots, 2, 1, \ldots, 1, 0, 1, \ldots, 1, \ldots, 1).$$

d) It is clear from Lemma 3.3.

Since the number of hyperplanes is $\sum_{s=1}^{k} (i_{2s-1} - 1 - i_{2s-2} + 1) + \sum_{s=1}^{k} (i_{2s} - 1 - (i_{2s-1} + 1) + 1) + (n-1-i_{2k}+1) + k - 1 = \sum_{s=1}^{k} (i_{2s} - i_{2s-2}) - k + n - i_{2k} + k - 1 = n - 1$, then

$$\bigcap_{s=1}^{k} (\bigcap_{j=i_{2s-2}}^{i_{2s-1}-1} (H_{\{[i_{2s-1}]\setminus[j]\}}) \cap \bigcap_{j=i_{2s-1}+1}^{i_{2s}-1} (H_{\{[j]\setminus[i_{2s-1}-1]\}})) \cap \bigcap_{j=i_{2k}}^{n-1} (H_{\{[i_{2k-1}]\cup([n]\setminus[j])\}}) \cap \bigcap_{s=1}^{k-1} (H_{\{i_{2s}\}}) = 0$$

 $OI_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}$ is a extreme ray of the cone $\bigcap_{a\in N} H_a^+$. But $OI_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}} \in \mathbf{R}_+C_A$. Thus $\bigcap_{a\in N} H_a^+ = \mathbf{R}_+C_A$.

For use bellow we recall that K-algebra K[A] is a normal domain according to [9].

Definition 4.2. Let R be a polynomial ring over a field K and F a finite set of monomials in R. A decomposition

$$K[F] = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} K[F]_i$$

of the K- vector space K[F] is an admissible grading if k[F] is a positively graded K- algebra with respect to this decomposition and each component $K[F]_i$ has a finite K- basis consisting of monomials.

Theorem 4.3. (Danilov, Stanley) Let $R = K[x_1, ..., x_n]$ be a polynomial ring over a field K and F a finite set of monomials in R. If K[F] is normal, then the canonical module $\omega_{K[F]}$ of K[F], with respect to an arbitrary admissible grading, can be expressed as an ideal of K[F] generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[F]} = (\{x^a | a \in \mathbf{N}A \cap ri(\mathbf{R}_+ A)\}),$$

where A = log(F) and $ri(\mathbf{R}_{+}A)$ denotes the relative interior of $\mathbf{R}_{+}A$.

Corollary 4.4. The canonical module $\omega_{K[A]}$ of K[A] is $\omega_{K[A]} = (x_1 x_2 \dots x_n) K[A]$. Thus K- algebra K[A] is Gorenstein ring.

Proof. Since

$$<\nu_{\{p+1\}},I> = <\nu_{\{\sigma^p(1),\sigma^p(2),\dots,\sigma^p(i)\}},I> = n>0,$$

for any $0 \le p \le n-1$, $1 \le i \le n-1$ and since for any $I_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}$, $I'_{i_1i_2...i_{2k-1}i_{2k}}$ there exist two hyperplanes $H_a, H_{a'}$ with $a, a' \in N$ such that

$$< I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}}, H_a> = < I'_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{2k-1} i_{2k}}, H_{a'}> = 0,$$

then $I \in ri(\mathbf{R}_{+}C_{A})$ is the only point in relative interior of cone $\mathbf{R}_{+}C_{A}$. Thus the canonical module is generated by one generator $\omega_{K[A]} = (x_{1}x_{2} \dots x_{n})K[A]$. Thus K- algebra K[A] is Gorenstein ring.

Conjecture 4.5. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $A_i \subseteq [n]$ with $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $\widetilde{A} = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$. We denote by $A = \{log(x_{i_1}x_{i_2}...x_{i_n}) \mid i_1 \in \{1,2\}, i_2 \in \{2,3\}, \dots, i_{n-1} \in \{n-1,n\}, i_n \in \{1,n\}\}, \ N = \{\nu_{\{k+1\}}, \nu_{\{\sigma^k(1),\sigma^k(2),\dots,\sigma^k(i)\}} \mid 0 \leq k \leq n-1, 2 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ and $\widetilde{A} = \{log(x_{i_1}x_{i_2}...x_{i_n}) \mid i_1 \in A_1, i_2 \in A_2, \dots, i_{n-1} \in A_{n-1}, i_n \in A_n\}$. Then the base ring associated to transversal polymatroid presented by $bf\widetilde{A}$, $K[\widetilde{A}]$ is Gorenstein ring if and only if there exists $\widetilde{N} \subset N$ such that

$$\mathbf{R}_{+}C_{\widetilde{A}} = \bigcap_{a \in \widetilde{N}} H_{a}^{+}$$

and H_a^+ with $a \in \widetilde{N}$ are just the facets of the cone $\mathbf{R}_+ C_{\widetilde{A}}$.

5 The description of some transversal polymatroids with Gorenstein base ring in dimension 3 and 4.

Dimension 3.

We consider the collection of sets $\mathcal{A} = \{\{1,2\},\{2,3\},\{3,1\}\}$. The base ring associated to transversal polymatroid presented by \mathcal{A} is

$$R = K[\mathcal{A}] = K[x_1^2 x_2, x_2^2 x_1, x_2^2 x_3, x_3^2 x_2, x_1^2 x_3, x_3^2 x_1, x_1 x_2 x_3].$$

From [9], R is normal ring.

We can see R = K[Q], where

 $Q = \mathbb{N}\{(2,1,0), (1,2,0), (0,2,1), (0,1,2), (1,0,2), (2,0,1), (1,1,1)\}.$

Our aim is to describe the facets of $C = \mathbb{R}_+Q$.

It is easy to see that C has 6 facets, with the support planes given by the equations:

$$H_{\{1\}}: -x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 0,$$

$$H_{\{2\}}: 2x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 0,$$

$$H_{\{3\}}: 2x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 0,$$

$$H_{\{1,2\}}: x_3 = 0,$$

$$H_{\{2,3\}}: x_1 = 0,$$

$$H_{\{3,1\}}: x_2 = 0.$$

In fact, $C = H_{\{1\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{3,1\}}^+$. Since (1,1,1) is the only point in $ri(\mathbb{R}_+Q)$ then by Danilov-Stanley theorem R is a Gorenstein ring and $\omega_R = R(-(1,1,1))$.

In order to obtain all the Gorenstein polymatroids of dimension 3, we will remove sequentially some facets of C. For instance, if we remove the facet supported by $H_{\{2\}}$ we obtain a new cone $C' = H_{\{1\}}^+ \cap H_{\{3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{3,1\}}^+$. It is easy to note that $C' = \mathbb{R}_+ Q'$, where $Q' = Q + \mathbb{N}\{(0,3,0)\}$. Q' is a saturated semigroup, and moreover, K[Q'] = K[A'], where $A' = \{\{1,2\},\{1,2,3\},\{2,3\}\}$. The Danilov-Stanley theorem assures us that R' = K[Q'] = K[A'] is still Gorenstein with $\omega_{R'} = R'(-(1,1,1))$. (Remark. If we remove the facet supported by $H_{\{3\}}$ or $H_{\{1\}}$, instead of the facet supported by $H_{\{2\}}$ we obtain a new set A' which is only a permutation of 1,2,3.)

Suppose that we remove from C' the facet supported by $H_{\{3\}}$. We obtain a new cone $C'' = H_{\{1\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{3,1\}}^+$. It is easy to see that $C'' = \mathbb{R}_+ Q''$, where $Q'' = Q' + \mathbb{N}\{(0,0,3)\}$. Q'' is a saturated semigroup, and moreover, $K[Q''] = K[\mathcal{A}'']$, where $\mathcal{A}'' = \{\{1,2,3\},\{1,2,3\},\{2,3\}\}$. The Danilov-Stanley theorem implies that $R'' = K[Q''] = K[\mathcal{A}'']$ is Gorenstein and $\omega_{R''} = R''(-(1,1,1))$. Finally, we remove from C'' the facet supported by $H_{\{1\}}$. We obtain the cone $C''' = H_{\{1,2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{3,1\}}^+$ which is a cone over $Q''' = Q'' + \mathbb{N}\{(3,0,0)\}$. Q''' is the saturated semigroup associated to the ring $R''' = K[\mathcal{A}''']$, where $\mathcal{A}''' = \{\{1,2,3\},\{1,2,3\},\{1,2,3\}\}$. Also, $\omega_{R'''} = R'''(-(1,1,1))$.

Thus the base ring associated to the transversal polymatroids presented by \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{A}' , \mathcal{A}'' , \mathcal{A}''' are Gorenstein rings and for $\mathcal{A}_1 = \{\{1,2\},\{2,3\}\}$ the base ring presented by \mathcal{A}_1 is the Segre product $k[t_{11},t_{12}]*k[t_{21},t_{22}]$, thus is a Gorenstein ring. All of them have dimension 3.

The computations made so far make us believe that all polymatroids with Gorenstein base ring in dimension 3 are the ones classified above.

Dimension 4.

We consider the collection of sets $\mathcal{A} = \{\{1,2\},\{2,3\},\{3,4\},\{4,1\}\}\}$. The base ring associated to transversal polymatroid presented by \mathcal{A} is

$$R = K[\mathcal{A}] = K[x_{i_1} x_{i_2} x_{i_3} x_{i_4} | i_1 \in \{1, 2\}, i_2 \in \{2, 3\}, i_3 \in \{3, 4\}, i_4 \in \{4, 1\}].$$

From [9], R is normal ring. We can see R = K[Q], where

$$Q = \mathbb{N}\{log(x_{i_1}x_{i_2}x_{i_3}x_{i_4}) | i_1 \in \{1, 2\}, i_2 \in \{2, 3\}, i_3 \in \{3, 4\}, i_4 \in \{4, 1\}\}.$$

Our aim is to describe the facets of $C = \mathbb{R}_+Q$. Using *Normaliz* we have 12 facets of the cone $C = \mathbb{R}_+Q$:

$$\begin{split} H_{\{1\}} : -x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 0, \\ H_{\{2\}} : x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 0, \\ H_{\{3\}} : x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 &= 0, \\ H_{\{4\}} : x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_4 &= 0, \\ H_{\{1,2\}} : -x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 + 3x_4 &= 0, \\ H_{\{2,3\}} : 3x_1 - x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 &= 0, \\ H_{\{3,4\}} : 3x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 - x_4 &= 0, \\ H_{\{3,4\}} : -x_1 + 3x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 &= 0, \\ H_{\{1,2,3\}} : x_4 &= 0, \\ H_{\{1,2,3\}} : x_1 &= 0, \\ H_{\{1,3,4\}} : x_1 &= 0, \\ H_{\{1,2,4\}} : x_3 &= 0. \end{split}$$

It is easy to see that $C = H_{\{1\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+$. Since (1,1,1,1) is the only point in $ri(\mathbb{R}_+Q)$ then by Danilov-Stanley theorem R is Gorenstein ring and $\omega_R = R(-(1,1,1,1))$.

Now I want to proceed like in dimension 3 to give a large class of transversal polymatroids with Gorenstein base ring. Using *Normaliz* we can give a complete description modulo a permutation of tha transversal polymatroids with Gorenstein base ring when we start with $\mathcal{A} = \{\{1,2\},\{2,3\},\{3,4\},\{4,1\}\}.$

For
$$\mathcal{A}_1 = \{\{1,2,3\},\{2,3\},\{3,4\},\{4,1\}\}\$$
 the associated cone is : $C_1 = H_{\{1\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+.$

For
$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{2}} = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4, 1\}\}\$$
 the associated cone is : $C_2 = H_{\{1\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+$.

For
$$\mathcal{A}_3 = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4, 1\}\}\$$
 the associated cone is : $C_3 = H_{\{1\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+$.

For
$$\mathcal{A}_4 = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4, 1\}\}\$$
 the associated cone is : $C_4 = H_{\{2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}} \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}} \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}.$

For
$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{5}} = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{4, 1\}\}$$
 the associated cone is : $C_5 = H_{\{2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+.$

For
$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{6}} = \{\{1,2,3,4\},\{1,2,3,4\},\{1,2,3,4\},\{4,1\}\}$$
 the associated cone is : $C_6 = H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+.$

For
$$\mathcal{A}_7 = \{\{1,2,3,4\}, \{1,2,3,4\}, \{1,2,3,4\}, \{1,2,3,4\}\}\$$
 the associated cone is : $C_7 = H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+.$

For
$$\mathcal{A}_8 = \{\{1,2,3\}, \{1,2,3\}, \{3,4\}, \{4,1\}\}\$$
 the associated cone is : $C_8 = H_{\{2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+.$

For
$$\mathcal{A}_9 = \{\{1,2,3\},\{1,2,3\},\{1,3,4\},\{4,1\}\}\$$
 the associated cone is : $C_9 = H_{\{2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+.$

For
$$\mathcal{A}_{10} = \{\{1,2,3\},\{1,2,3\},\{1,2,3,4\},\{4,1\}\}$$
 the associated cone is : $C_{10} = H_{\{4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+.$

For
$$\mathcal{A}_{11} = \{\{1,2,3\},\{1,2,3\},\{1,3,4\},\{1,3,4\}\}\$$
 the associated cone is : $C_{11} = H_{\{2\}}^+ \cap H_{\{4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+.$

For
$$\mathcal{A}_{12} = \{\{1,2,3\},\{1,2,3\},\{1,3,4\},\{1,3,4\}\}\$$
 the associated cone is : $C_{12} = H_{\{4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,3\}}^+ \cap H_{\{2,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,3,4\}}^+ \cap H_{\{1,2,4\}}^+.$

The next four examples of transversal polymatroids with Gorenstein base ring are different like above.

For $\mathcal{A}_{13} = \{\{1,2,3\},\{2,3,4\}\}$ the Hilbert series of base ring $K[\mathcal{A}_{13}]$ is: $H_{K[\mathcal{A}_{13}]}(t) = \frac{1+4t+t^2}{(1-t)^4}$.

For $\mathcal{A}_{14} = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}\$ the Hilbert series of base ring $K[\mathcal{A}_{14}]$ is: $H_{K[\mathcal{A}_{14}]}(t) = \frac{1+5t+t^2}{(1-t)^4}$.

For $\mathcal{A}_{15} = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\}\$ the Hilbert series of base ring $K[\mathcal{A}_{15}]$ is: $H_{K[\mathcal{A}_{15}]}(t) = \frac{1+6t+t^2}{(1-t)^4}$.

For $\mathcal{A}_{16} = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}\}\$ the Hilbert series of base ring $K[\mathcal{A}_{16}]$ is: $H_{K[\mathcal{A}_{16}]}(t) = \frac{1+4t+t^2}{(1-t)^4}$.

It seems that also in dimension 4 our examples cover all transversal polymatroids with Gorenstein base ring.

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